

*B2* -- Mention may be made, by way of examples of (A), are those comprising ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22, with the following new paragraph:

*B3* -- According to another form of the invention, (A) is a product having two epoxide functional groups, such as, for example, bisphenol A diglycidyl ether (BADGE). --

*B4* -- Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25, with the following new paragraph: Mention may be made, by way of examples of (B), are those comprising ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 11, with the following new paragraph:

*B5* -- As regards (C) comprising an unsaturated carboxylic acid, mention may be made, by way of example, of the completely or partially hydrolysed (B). (C) is, for example, a copolymer of ethylene and of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and advantageously a copolymer of ethylene and of (meth)acrylic acid. --

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

*B6* -- 20. A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:  
(A) an unsaturated epoxide or a compound different from said unsaturated epoxide and having 2 epoxide functional groups,  
(B) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and  
(C) an unsaturated carboxylic acid or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.